1988). (ECF No. 64.) In this notice, the Court informed Plaintiff that he must file an opposition, or a notice of non-opposition, to Defendants' Motion by March 1, 2019. (*Id.* at 2.)

However, on February 20, 2019, Plaintiff filed a "Motion to Stay" the filing of an opposition on the ground that there was outstanding discovery due by Defendants. (ECF No. 69.) Following a hearing before all parties, Magistrate Judge Michael Berg found that Plaintiff was entitled to additional discovery by Defendants. (ECF No. 74). Defendants were ordered to "supplement their responses" to the discovery propounded by Plaintiff by May 9, 2019. (*Id.* at 3.)

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(d) provides that:

If a nonmovant shows by affidavit or declaration that, for specified reasons, it cannot present facts essential to justify its opposition, the court may:

- (1) defer considering the motion or deny it;
- (2) allow time to obtain affidavits or declarations or to take discovery; or
- (3) issue any other appropriate order.

FED.R.CIV.P. 56(d).

A court may postpone ruling on a summary judgment motion where the non-moving party needs "additional discovery to explore 'facts essential to justify the party's opposition." *Jones v. Blanas*, 393 F.3d 918, 930 (9th Cir. 2004) (quoting *Crawford-El v. Britton*, 523 U.S. 574, 599 n. 20 (1998) (setting forth standard of review under former FED.R.CIV.P. 56(f)).

Here, while the Court denies Plaintiff's request for a "stay," the Court will grant Plaintiff additional time to file an opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

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Conclusion and Order

Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's Motion to Stay (ECF No. 69) but **GRANTS** an extension of time pursuant to FED.R.CIV.P. 56(d) to file an opposition to Defendants' Summary Judgment.

As a result, the Court hereby re-sets Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 62) for hearing on **Friday, June 21, 2019.** Plaintiff's Opposition (including any supporting documents) must be filed with the Court and served on all parties by **Friday, June 7, 2019.** If Plaintiff does file and serve an Opposition, Defendants must file and serve their Reply to that Opposition by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.

At the time appointed for hearing, the Court will, in its discretion, consider Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment pursuant to FED.R.CIV.P. 56 as submitted on the papers, and will issue its written opinion soon thereafter. *See* S. D. CAL. CIVLR 7.1(d)(1). Thus, unless otherwise ordered, no appearances are required and no oral argument will be heard.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 25, 2019

United States District Judge